

which I support and am pleased to have a hand in shaping.

According to government statistics, juveniles accounted for 17% of all arrests and 16% of all violent crime arrests in 1999. Moreover, in that same year, 2.5 million children under the age of 18 were arrested.

We must not be complacent about these figures. Too many young people get involved in criminal activity, and we must do all we can to prevent juveniles from engaging in such activities.

H.R. 1900 is a bipartisan effort to improve the juvenile justice system and give maximum flexibility to states and local communities in preventing and reducing juvenile crime.

I applaud Representative GREENWOOD and Representative SCOTT for putting together a bill that has garnered such wide bipartisan support.

I am particularly pleased, that because of an amendment I successfully offered in committee, this bill keeps research and statistical analysis within the National Institute of Juvenile Justice. It is imperative that we not lose our focus on early prevention and this is best accomplished by committing this work to a separate agency.

I am also pleased that an amendment Representative MCCARTHY and I offered in committee requiring a study be conducted on gun violence-related injuries and deaths by youth in schools and communities was later incorporated in this bill as well.

This study will focus on the relationship between victims and violent youth; the criminal act and location; and the types of weapons being used. By learning the source of the problem, we can find and develop ways to prevent future violence.

There is much more that we can do to prevent juvenile crime. However, this bill represents a good start and I am happy to support it. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRST AND
SECOND GRADERS AT CHICAGO'S
JOSEFA ORTIZ DE DOMINGUEZ
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the members of 2000–2001 first and second grade classes of the Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School in Chicago, Illinois.

I am proud to say that these young students are award-winning scientists. Earlier this year,

they earned the Unisys Prize for their outstanding use of the Internet as a tool in science investigation. Their project was entitled, "El Agua Trabaja! How Water Benefits Quality of Life in Chicago's Little Village."

In collaboration with the Chicago Academy of Sciences and Friends of the Chicago River, the 2000–2001 first and second grade students of Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School explored how the science of water benefits their Chicago neighborhood of Little Village. Specifically, these young scientists studied the water cycle, the three principal forms of water and ways to filter water to better understand how water and the Chicago River benefit their community. Using the Internet as their primary tool, the students shared what they learned by posting their scientific findings, personal journals, watercolor pictures and poetry on the Web.

I applaud the 2000–2001 first and second grade students of Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School for their creativity and innovation while executing their scientific investigation. I believe these students also benefited greatly from the guidance of their teachers and the support of their families when they were awarded with such an outstanding science award. "El Agua Trabaja" or "Water Works" is now a bilingual web site explaining the experiments, facts and figures associated with the importance of water in everyday lives.

I am pleased to recognize the 2000–2001 first and second grade students who took part in this endeavor. The students in Ms. Nidsa LaLuz' class include Jaime Aguilar, Jesenia Avelar, Raul Cordova, Roxana Delgado, Juan Deluna, Alejandro Galvan, Amairan Galvan, Luis Garcia, Rosio Garcia, Keli Hernandez, Erick Martinez, Diego Nava, Israel Navarro, Jose Pena, Jorge Ramirez, Denisse Ruiz, Erwin Ruiz, Francisco Ruiz, Leonardo Sanchez, Maria Sosa, Sergio Vega,

I wish all of these students, their teachers and parents continued success in their endeavors and I thank them for supporting and promoting the interest of young minds in science and technology.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities

of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would extend the opportunity to vote in the November 2002 federal elections through the electronic voting system proposed by this bill to uniformed services personnel from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. These voters are from Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia who are currently serving away from their homes as active duty military personnel. The Department of Defense estimates that nearly 15,000 uniformed services personnel would become eligible to participate in the system as a result of this amendment. In addition, it would grant spouses and eligible dependents of these uniformed services personnel the ability to participate as well.

The voting system under this bill is intended to facilitate and demonstrate a more efficient and convenient system that would increase voter participation among U.S. military service personnel stationed around the world. My amendment allows access to this voting system for all eligible military personnel regardless of where they may be registered to vote.

I appreciate the support of Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman McHugh and urge your support for my amendment, which protects and extends the voting rights of our men and women in uniform from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL HAYES
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cardinal Hayes High School, a treasured Bronx learning institution that celebrated its 60th anniversary September 23, 2001.

Cardinal Hayes High School was built and organized by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman between September of 1940 and September of 1941. Its original student body consisted of over 3000 students who attended this institution in the original building, now deemed the Main Building on the small, elegant campus.

Mr. Speaker, Cardinal Hayes High School has consistently provided exceptional academic and religious guidance for generations of young men from the Bronx and Manhattan. This unique school has been staffed since its

beginning by Archdiocesan Priests, Irish Christian Brothers, De La Salle Brothers, Franciscan Brothers and Priests, Marist Brothers, Xaverian brothers, Religious Sisters and scores of dedicated laymen and laywomen. Current members of this devoted staff are responsible for a 99 percent graduation rate. 96 percent of all Cardinal Hayes High School students go on to study at a college or university.

It must be noted also that Cardinal Hayes High School is one of a just few schools in the New York metropolitan area operating as a Cisco Networking Academy. This accreditation allows the school to provide a two-year course of study that prepares students for CCNA certification. CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) is a highly-regarded certification of networking and internetworking skills.

Mr. Speaker, young men from all walks of life make up the Cardinal Hayes student body. These young men learn, work, play, and worship with one another while providing mutual support and comradeship as well. I take pride in saying that my son, Jose, graduated from Cardinal Hayes and remembers his high school alma mater fondly.

I am very proud to acknowledge this learning institution that has produced so many outstanding men that have, no doubt, gone on to benefit society. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating 60 years of first-rate academic, social, and spiritual instruction in the heart of the Bronx at CHHS.

RECOGNIZING MS. JULIE ANN
CRIPE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on being named Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International, at the 79th Annual meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the week of September 22, 2001.

Financial Women International (FWI) is a professional association of women working together to achieve success in the financial services industry. Since its creation, Financial Women International has worked to empower women in all segments of the financial industry to attain their professional, economic, and personal goals. The association consists of more than 8,000 members representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, and Mexico.

Ms. Cripe has been active in FWI since 1979, serving as President on the local and state levels before accepting positions at the international level. Aside from her work with the association, Ms. Cripe, is currently President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., where under her leadership the bank has grown rapidly to become one of the largest locally owned banks in Houston. Ms. Cripe has worked closely with the development of Small Business Administration loans at OMNIBANK, most recently closing a \$25 million dollar loan on a chemical plant in Sherman, Texas.

Along with serving as President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., Ms. Cripe has been very active in the Texas Bankers Association and the American Banking Association, particularly serving on the legislative and education com-

mittees. Presently, Ms. Cripe serves on the Board of the Education Foundation for the American Banking Association, and was an excellent spokesperson for the home equity bill.

Ms. Cripe has been an exceptional leader in the community, earning the respect of her peers and associates in the business and civic communities. She has contributed to the betterment of the Houston area, by serving on committees at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center, and the March of Dimes.

Again, I would like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International and wish her continued success.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HEALTH
CARE CENTER'S 90TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Christian Health Care Center for its 90th anniversary of service and care to northern New Jersey. The Christian Health Care Center, located in the town of Wyckoff, offers care for the elderly as well as short and long-term mental health services. All of this is done in a wonderful environment, led by Christian principles. Founded in 1911 and currently under the outstanding leadership of President and CEO Doug Struyk, the Center has evolved into dynamic and caring organization with state-of-the-art facilities, serving the surrounding community for generations. This weekend, the Center will have the opportunity to celebrate its accomplishments and stories of the past 90 years.

The mission of the Christian Health Care Center speaks to the good work done at this facility. The Center provides a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Long term care and mental health care are offered, as well as residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. Recently, construction was completed on an on-site day care center for the Center's care-providers. The Longview assisted living facility was also newly finished, which allowed the residential community to welcome an additional 80 residents to these state-of-the-art facilities. Such a tremendous number of lives are touched through the Christian Health Care Center.

This number also includes the friends and families of residents, for they can rest assured that their loved ones are in good hands with complete care. If you meet even one member of the staff at the Center or hear even one story from a resident, you will understand that the staff here is truly doing God's work-everyday. The philosophy by which the Center operates further testifies to this caring Christian spirit of the community: "the staff of nurses, doctors, program directors, aides and all others at the Center give unselfishly so that all of

our residents and patients know that they are cared for and loved." Their personal touch in caring for the elderly has moved many.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest caliber at the Center. For this I am truly grateful.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Struyk and the caring of the wonderful employees, the Christian Health Care Center will continue to shine as one of the finest care facilities of its kind in our nation. This weekend we celebrate 90 years of excellence and look forward to many more. Our hearts and prayers are with those involved with this wonderful center.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID FREEMYER

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with the House and America, a statement by my friend David Freemyer. David is 9 years old and sent me the following speech about the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

"As we all know on September 11, 2001 terrorists hijacked four of our airplanes and crashed two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon and one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. This event has brought sadness to everyone and death to thousands of people. I ask myself why would anyone want to do such a thing. We have done no harm to any other country.

Not only have we done no harm, but we have helped all the countries that need our help and will still help any country that needs our help. We donate food and water and anything a country needs. And yet very few times has a country helped us. I'm not saying that all the other countries are bad. I'm just saying that just because we have a very strong military and that our country is very powerful that doesn't mean that we can do everything on our own. I have great respect for all the people from other countries that took time to go to church and pray for our country.

God Bless America!

David A. Freemyer"

I hope all Americans can somehow show their patriotism like my friend David.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE EICHLER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, George Eichler. Regretfully, George Eichler passed away on Friday, August 17, 2001, but he leaves us with a myriad of memories and lessons derived from his history of service and a legacy of championing important issues.

George was a life-long Democrat and a long-time labor leader in San Antonio. His tireless work on behalf of Democrats and in support of San Antonio working men and women is well recognized and respected within the